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Page 5, line 7 from the bottom, for "other" read *others*
14, 12, for "hath" read *hast.*
37, 7, for "who" read *that.*
44, 11, for "shalt" read *shall.*
47, 11, for "so" read *sore.*
47, 13, for "graee" read *grace.*
73, 7 from the bottom, for "Apostle" read *Apostles*
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174, 3, for "nto" read *into.*
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PREFACE.

THIS Manual of Devotion for the family and closet will be found, it is thought, peculiarly suited to the taste and feelings of the pious in our own communion. The principal part of it is taken from our Book of Common Prayer, and the rest, which will appear new to many, is almost entirely drawn from the offices for special occasions in the Liturgy of the Church of England. Two or three of the thanksgivings, from a different source, are written so much in the same style and spirit, as not to alter the cast of the work; and frequently the compiler himself has thrown in such short petitions, or connecting clauses, as were necessary to give a proper fulness to some defective parts, and to preserve the harmony of others. Wherever the prayers were complete in themselves, he has generally transferred them as they stand; wherever they were too brief and imperfect, he has combined the substance of two or three, or collected the

scattered expressions relating to any particular subject, so as to make one full and comprehensive prayer. But there has been in all cases a studied regard to the general form and character of the Liturgy, the several parts of penitence, supplication, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise being kept distinct. The selections from the Psalms, and from the other prophetic and poetical parts of Scripture, are appropriate accompaniments to the morning and evening prayers; and these fervent strains will enkindle the spirit of devotion, and render the exercises which follow more affecting and impressive.

This compilation was found more difficult and laborious than might be supposed from the manner in which it is executed; but though it does not fully equal the hopes and wishes of the compiler, yet he thinks that it must be useful and acceptable to all who admire the elegant simplicity, the reverential fervour, the noble elevation of our venerable ritual, and who have been warmed and animated by the evangelical spirit which pervades it.

FAMILY

AND

PRIVATE PRAYERS.

SUNDAY MORNING.

¶ The master or mistress having called the family together, let one of them, or any other whom they shall think proper, begin the worship by reading such a portion of Scripture as may be convenient.

¶ The selections from the Psalms, before the morning and evening prayers, will be used with better effect if recited in alternate verses, the person conducting the devotions reading one verse, and the other audibly responding the next.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Open me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to thine altar:

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy

court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

For with thee is the well of life; and in thy light shall we see light.

This shall be my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: He shall be our guide unto death.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ All shall answer here, and at the end of every prayer, *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, *we* * (I) give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call *us* (me) to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thy Gospel, to receive *us* (me) for thine own *children* (child) by adoption, and to make *us heirs* (me an heir), through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. But chiefly *are we* (am I) bound, on this day, to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. And as *we* (I) do most heartily and devoutly adore thy name for this thine infinite goodness already vouchsafed to *us* (me); so do *we* (I) most humbly beseech thee to continue thy grace and favour towards *us* (me), by disposing *us* (me) to make a right

* The change in this Prayer, from the plural to the singular number, will show in what manner the Prayers which follow may be adapted to private as well as family devotion; and the words which for this purpose require alteration, will, in the remainder of the work, be printed in italics.

use and improvement of all thy mercies, that *we* (I) may not only worthily esteem them in *our hearts* (my heart), but show forth a due sense of them in *our lives* (my life), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Eternal God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; but who, yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence wherever two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name; regard, O Lord, *our* supplications this day, in thy holy Church, and accept *our* imperfect services. Let thy Spirit be with *us* in the performance of all *our* duties, in confession of sin to affect *our hearts* with godly sorrow, in prayer to quicken *our* devotion, in praises to heighten *our* gratitude and love. Grant that *our minds* may be entirely raised from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, and that *we* may join in the worship of thy Church with such steadiness of faith, with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept *our*

bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thine infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for *us*. Bless to *us* also the reading and preaching of thy word, and sow in *our hearts* the seed of eternal life, that whatsoever in thy holy Scriptures *we* shall profitably learn, *we* may indeed fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive *our* supplications and prayers which *we* offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee. Make, *we* beseech thee, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow it, that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ The Lord's Prayer to be audibly repeated by all, both here and wherever else it occurs.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

LET my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and, let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; and enduedst my soul with much strength.

O continue forth thy loving kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

Let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice.

For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous, and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him, as with a shield.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and

thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

How excellent is thy mercy, O God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

I will behold thy presence in righteousness; and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, *we* acknowledge and bewail *our* manifold sins and wickedness which *we*, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against *us*. But though for *our* evil deeds *we* do worthily deserve to be punished, yet enter not into judgment with thy *servants*,

O Lord, but turn thine anger from *us*, and give *us* peace. Deliver *us*, through thy bountiful goodness, from the bands of those sins which by *our* frailty *we* have committed, that *our* sorrowful *hearts* and oppressed *consciences* being relieved, *we* may henceforward find thy service perfect freedom, and ever set forth thy praise and glory, by walking before thee in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who hath given *us* a good will to serve and please thee, grant also unto *us* strength and power to perform the same, that *we* may continually mortify *our* corrupt affections, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more. Replenish *us* with the truth of thy doctrine, endue *us* with innocency of life, and dispose *us*, in all *our* thoughts, words, and deeds, to seek thy honour and glory, that, accomplishing in *us* the good work which thou hast begun, *we* may be found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day, and come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same. Have mercy upon those who are in darkness and error, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word, and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. And of thy goodness, O Lord, comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And *we* also bless thy holy name, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give *us* grace so to follow their good examples, that with them *we* may be *partakers* of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, who hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the Author of everlasting life, who hast sanctified *us* by thy Holy Spirit, and blessed *us* with repeated manifestations of thy present love, and the promises and pledges of thy endless favour; for these great benefits of thy unspeakable goodness, *we* praise and magnify thy glorious name. And, *we* beseech thee, give *us* such a sense of thy mercies as may appear in *our* lives, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all *our* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to make the night for repose, as thou hast ordained the day for labour, grant that *we* may continually watch in the day for the coming of our Lord, and so diligently work while *we* have time, that *we* may not be afraid of the night overtaking *us* unprepared, but lie down to *our* rest in peace, either willing to live or ready to die, even as thou, O Lord, in thine infinite wisdom shalt see fit. These, and all other blessings, for *us* and thy whole

Church, *we* humbly beg, in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

PONDER my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord; early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Thou, O Lord, art my defender; thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, for the Lord sustained me.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste, and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Praised be the Lord daily, even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation. God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

Because thou hast been my helper; therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee; thy right hand hath upholden me.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and after that receive me with glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought *us* to the beginning of this day, defend *us* in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day *we* fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all *our* doings being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AND since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to *our lives*, *we* offer and present unto thee, *ourselves*, *our souls*, and *bodies*, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee to accept this *our* sincere though unworthy oblation of *ourselves*, and to give *us* grace to bring *our* holy resolutions to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of *our hearts* by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that *we* may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. Deliver *us* from all inordinate and sinful affections, mortify all vices in *us*, and so strengthen *us* by thy grace, that, by the innocency of *our lives*, and constancy of *our faith*, even unto death, *we* may glorify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, *we* beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as *we* do believe thy only be-

gotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so *we* may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell. And since, according to his most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down to teach the hearts of thy faithful people, and to lead them to all truth; grant *us*, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, and finally exalt *us* unto the place which our Saviour Christ is gone to prepare for *us*, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

THE Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure:

For I will confess my wickedness, and be sorry for my sin.

My confusion is daily before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me.

I have eaten ashes as it were bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good; that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed, because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition; the Lord will receive my prayer.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the name of the Lord most Highest.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than *we* to

pray, and art wont to give more than either *we* desire or deserve, pour down upon *us* the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving *us* those things whereof *our* conscience is afraid, and giving *us* those good things which *we are* not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Gracious Father, *we* confess it to be of thy mercy alone that *we are* not consumed, for *our* sins have cried to heaven, and justly provoked thy wrath and indignation against *us*. Grant, O Lord, that the consideration of this thy repeated goodness may work in *us* true repentance, and increase in *us* more and more a lively faith and love fruitful in all holy obedience; that *we*, ever trusting in thy mercy, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy continual and gracious favour, may walk before thee in holiness, peace, and joy on earth, and after death obtain everlasting life and joy in the kingdom of Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto *us* the increase of faith, that being not, like children, carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, *we* may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel. Enliven *our* hope, and fix it steadfastly upon that place where true joys are to be found; and pour into *our hearts* the most excellent gift of charity, that, loving thee above all things, and *our* neighbour as *ourselves*, *we* may obtain thy promises, which pass man's understanding, and exceed all that *we* can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit, by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple, acceptable in thy sight. Illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived. Help and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows; and have mercy upon all men, for the sake of thy only Son Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, by whose almighty power *we* have been created and preserved, and by whose infinite mercy *we* have been called to the knowledge of *our* Saviour, and redeemed from sin and eternal death; for these unspeakable benefits, and the daily bounties of thy Providence, *we* give thee continual thanks, submitting *ourselves* wholly to thy will and pleasure, and studying to serve thee in true holiness and righteousness all *our* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO thy gracious protection, O God, *we* commit *ourselves*, and all who are near and dear to *us*, both this night and ever. Let no casualty, nor any act of wickedness and violence hurt *us*. Let no disquieting thoughts disturb *our* repose. But grant that *we* may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit *us* for the duties of the following day. And when *we* rise may *we* be duly sensible of thy merciful Provi-

dence towards *us*, and ever express *our* thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

LET the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

O Lord, my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done.

If I should declare them, and speak of them, they should be more than I am able to express.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee; and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his; and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

I will always give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done; and I will hope in thy name, for thy saints like it well.

The Lord is my strength and my song; and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing, and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people; and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

O Most blessed and glorious Lord God, who art of infinite goodness and mercy, *we*, thy unworthy *servants*, whom thou hast made and preserved, holding *our souls* in life, and rescuing *us* from innumerable dangers and troubles, humbly present *ourselves* before thy Divine Majesty, to offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. *We* bless thee for protecting *us* through the past night, and renewing thy mercies to *us* every morning. *We* bless thee for keeping *us* in health, and continuing to *us* all *our* comforts and enjoyments. And grant that *we*, receiving thy bountiful liberality, may not wholly seek *our* own indulgence in it, but also use the same to thy glory and the relief of those that are needy, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord, by whose holy inspiration we think those things that are good, and by whose merciful guiding *we* perform the same, grant *us* grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to mortify all *our* evil and corrupt affections, that being neither hindered by *our* carnal views, nor *our* sin-

ful passions, from obeying thy godly motions, *we* may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life, grant *us* so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that being established in the belief of his Gospel, walking diligently in his commandments, and following the steps of his most blessed life, *we* may finally be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, and be exalted unto a place in those heavenly mansions which he hath gone to prepare for *us*, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love, keep *us*, *we* beseech thee, under the protection of thy good Providence, and make *us* to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name. Defend *us* this day with thy mighty power, and grant that *we* fall into no sin, neither run into any

kind of danger. Mercifully look upon *us* with thy favour, and fill *us* with all spiritual benediction and grace, that walking before thee in holiness and righteousness, and living with each other in quietness and sobriety, love and peace, in this life, *we* may, in the world to come, have life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

From the 51st Psalm.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin;

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight, that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who truly repent and unfeignedly believe thy holy Gospel, have mercy upon *us*, most merciful Father, and, for the glory of thy name, turn from *us* all those evils which *we* most justly have deserved. Grant unto *us* pardon and peace, that *we* may be cleansed from all *our* sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, *we* beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both *our hearts* and *bodies* in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection *we* may be preserved in body and soul. Let thy fatherly hand, *we* beseech thee, ever be over *us*. Let thy Holy Spirit ever be with *us*. And so lead *us* in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end *we* may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AND in order that *we* may more seriously apply *our hearts* unto wisdom, teach *us*, O Lord, from the daily spectacles of mortality around *us*, to see how frail and uncertain *our* own condition is. Grant that neither the splendour of any thing that is great, nor the conceit of any thing that is good in *us*, may withdraw *our* eyes from looking upon *ourselves* as sinful dust and ashes; but that *we* may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before *us*, with faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity, and constant perseverance to the end; so that when *we* shall have served thee in *our* generation, *we* may be gathered unto *our* fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope, in favour with thee, *our* God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which *we* ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, *we* beseech thee to keep thy church and household continually in thy true

religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power. And *we* not only make request, O Lord, for them that thou hast already called to the true understanding of thy heavenly will, but for all people and nations of the world, who, as they know by thy wonderful works, that thou art God over all, so they may be instructed by thy Holy Spirit, to believe in thee, their only Saviour and Redeemer. Raise up for them faithful distributers of thy word and mysteries, who, setting apart all worldly respects, may, both in their life and doctrine, only seek thy glory, and the salvation of those to whom they are sent. Preserve all Christian rulers and magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice and maintain truth. Show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, defend and provide for the desolate and oppressed, and have mercy upon all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast safely brought *us* to the close of another day, *we* give thee humble and hearty thanks for this repeated

mercy of thy Providence, and for all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Continue, *we* beseech thee, thy goodness and loving-kindness to *us*. And since *we are* not able of *ourselves* to help *ourselves*, defend *us*, O Lord, this night from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

From the 103*d Psalm.*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not alway be chiding; neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him!

Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far hath he set our sins from us!

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments, to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandments, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: Praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety, *we* bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to preserve *us* to another day. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *our hearts* be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness towards *us* in the innumerable blessings of this life, and of thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ; and may *we* devote the residue of *our* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, forasmuch as without thee *we* are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule *our hearts*, that *we* may both perceive and know what *we* ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to

fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who knowest *us* to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of *our* nature *we* cannot always stand upright, grant to *us* such strength and protection as may support *us* in all dangers, and carry *us* through all temptations. *We* lean only on the hope of thy heavenly grace. *Our* whole trust and confidence is in thy mercy. Favourably then hear the prayers of thy *servants*, and evermore defend *us* by thy mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, give *us* grace that *we* may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. Mercifully grant that *we* may imitate the example of his courage and constancy, his lowliness and humility, his meekness and patience, and great charity, and

also be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my strong hold, my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness and truth shalt be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; and whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons, and one God; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

¶ *Or this.*

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive *us our* trespasses; receive and comfort *us*, who *are* grieved and wearied with the burden of *our* sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins: spare *us*, therefore,

good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed: enter not into judgment with thy *servants*, who meekly acknowledge *our* vileness, and truly repent *us* of *our* faults; and so make haste to help *us* in this world, that *we* may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, raise up, *we* pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour *us;* that whereas, through *our* sins and wickedness, *we* are so let and hindered in running the race that is set before *us*, thy bountiful graee and mercy may speedily help and deliver *us*. Heal, O Lord, the diseases of *our souls;* mortify all *our* worldly and carnal desires, and so order *our* unruly wills and affections, that *our* flesh being subdued to the Spirit, *we* may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee, such good things as pass man's

understanding; pour into *our hearts* such love towards thee, that *we*, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that *we* can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord God of our salvation, who hast been exceedingly gracious unto this land, continue thy favour and protection to us. Let truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, concord and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make this nation a praise in the earth. So we, thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever, and will always be showing forth thy glory. O Father of mercies, remember those who are in adversity and trouble. Grant relief to the poor, health to the sick, comfort to the sorrowful, and liberty to the prisoners. Diffuse humanity and charity through all hearts, and make us all meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, *we*, thine unworthy *servants*, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to *us*, and to all men. *We* bless thee for *our* creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, *we* beseech thee, give *us* that due sense of all thy mercies, that *our hearts* may be unfeignedly thankful, and that *we* may show forth thy praise, not only with *our* lips but in *our lives;* by giving up *ourselves* to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all *our* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon *our* infirmities, and in all *our* dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend *us*. Unto thy gracious mercy and protection *we* commit *ourselves*, and all *our* relatives and friends.

O Lord, bless *us* and keep *us:* O Lord, make thy face to shine upon *us*, and be gracious unto *us:* O Lord, lift up thy countenance upon *us*, and give *us* peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

I Will magnify thee, O God, my King; I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful; long suffering, and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

They show the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power:

That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who hast created *us* by thy power, preserved *us* by thy mercy, and of thine infinite love and goodness towards *us* hast given to *us* thine only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be *our* Redeemer, and the Author of

everlasting life; *we* render unto thee most hearty thanks for these great and inestimable benefits, and for the daily and multiplied instances of thy loving kindness to *us*. *We* beseech thee to give *us* such a lively sense of what thou hast done for *us*, that *we* may not grow secure and careless in *our* obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeserved goodness, but that it may lead *us* to unfeigned repentance, and move *us* to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of *our* religion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee, mercifully accept *our* prayers; and because, through the weakness of *our* mortal nature, *we* can do no good thing without thee, grant *us* the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments *we* may please thee, both in will and deed. Help *us* to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure heart and mind to follow thee the only God. Graft in *our hearts* the love of thy name, increase in *us* true religion, nourish *us* with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep *us* in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AND seeing that of thy great mercy *we* have passed the night in rest and quietness, grant, O Heavenly Father, that *we* may devote this day, and every other which thou shalt yet allow *us*, wholly to thy service, so that all *our* thoughts, words, and deeds may redound to the glory of thy great name. Let thy mighty hand and outstretched arm be still *our* defence, thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ *our* salvation, thy grace and Holy Spirit *our* support and consolation while *we* remain on earth, and finally bring *us* to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

From the 139*th Psalm.*

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me; thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed; and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit, or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall

cover me; then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

For my reins are thine; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand; when I wake up, I am present with thee.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in *us* new and contrite *hearts*, that *we*, worthily lamenting *our* sins, and acknowledging *our* wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness. Stir up in *us* such fervent love to thee, as may enable *us* to redeem the time which *we* have hitherto mispent, that *our* praises may be joined with those which thy saints and holy angels shall eternally sing to the honour of thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto thy *servants* that peace which the world cannot give, that *our hearts* may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee *we* being defended from the fear of *our* enemies, may pass *our* time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that in all *our* temptations and trials here upon earth, and in

all *our* sufferings for the testimony of thy truth, *we* may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed, that *our* heart and mind continually ascending whither *our* Saviour Christ has gone before, *we* may finally be exalted in triumph unto the same place, to dwell with him in unspeakable joy for ever and ever. Hear *us*, for the merits and intercession of thy Son Jesus Christ, who standeth at thy right hand, to succour all those who suffer for thee. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, *we* humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially *we* pray for thy holy Church universal, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, *we* commend to thy Fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body,

or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions: And this *we* beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O Heavenly Father, by whose great mercy *we* have been kept through another day in health and safety, and blessed with *our* usual comforts and enjoyments, *we* praise and magnify thy glorious name. And *we* humbly pray that the devout sense of this thy repeated mercy may renew and increase in *us* a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee, its only Author. Continue thy goodness and loving kindness to *us*, and make thy spiritual blessings more abundant than thy temporal, that *we*, obeying thy will, and alway living in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love and favour unto *our lives'* end, and after death obtain everlasting glory in the kingdom of Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy work.

One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; thou makest it very plenteous.

Thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works; in wisdom hast thou made them all.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

MOST gracious God, the Author and Giver of all good things, *we* yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for thy great and manifold mercies to *us*. *We* bless thee for *our* creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and the hope of glory. In the days of childhood and youth, in the midst of weakness, blindness, and danger, thou hast protected

us; amidst afflictions of mind and body, (and estate,) thou hast supported *us;* and amidst vanity and wickedness thou hast spared *us.* Grant *us* so to acknowledge thy goodness, and so to remember thy gifts, that every day which thou shalt yet allow *us* may be employed in the amendment of *our lives*, and in the diligent discharge of all *our* duties, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, from whom all good things do come, grant to *us*, thy humble *servants*, that by thy holy inspiration *we* may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant that *we* may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, *our hearts* may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. Give *us* grace to mortify all worldly and carnal lusts, to cast away the works of

darkness, and to walk before thee in pureness of living and truth. And because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep *us* ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead *us* to all things profitable to *our* salvation. Stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be *our* defence against all *our* enemies, that by thy great goodness *we* may be preserved evermore both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; *we* beseech thee leave *us* not comfortless; but send to *us* thine Holy Ghost to comfort *us*, and exalt *us* unto the same place whither *our* Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

From the 25th Psalm.

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; but such as transgress without a cause, shall be put to confusion.

Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me; for thou art the God of my salvation: in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judg-

ment; and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalm 23.

THE Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, *we* beseech thee favourably hear the prayers of thy people, that *we* who do worthily deserve to be punished for *our* offences, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved. Deal not with *us* according to *our* sins, neither reward *us* according to *our* iniquities. Spare *us*, and let *us* not be brought to confusion. Lift up thy countenance upon *us*, and give *us* peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

O God, the Father everlasting, who didst send thine adorable, true, and only Son into the world to deliver man, have mercy upon *us*, miserable *sinners*.

O Christ, the King of glory, who, when thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, didst open the kingdom of Heaven to all believers, *we* pray thee help thy *servants*, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood,

and make *us* to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, support and strengthen *our* weak *hearts*, keep *us* henceforth without sin, govern *us*, and lift *us* up for ever.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend *us*, thy humble *servants*, in all assaults of *our* enemies; that *we*, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon *us* thy mercy; that, thou being *our* ruler and guide, *we* may so pass through things temporal, that *we* finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church, by the precious blood of

thy dear Son; let not heresies and false doctrines disturb its peace, nor schisms and divisions weaken it. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Blessed Lord, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. Relieve the distressed, comfort the sorrowful, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty. Assist those who draw near the time of their dissolution, and so fit and prepare them, *we* beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after their departure hence, in peace and in thy favour, their souls may be received into thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whose hands are life and death, by whose will all things were created, and by whose providence they are sustained, *we* return thee thanks that thou hast given *us* life, and that thou hast continued it to this time; that thou hast hitherto forborne to snatch *us* away in the midst of sin and folly, and hast permitted *us* still to enjoy the means of grace, and vouchsafed to call *us* yet again to repentance. Grant, O merciful Lord, that thy call may not be vain, and that *our* life may not be continued to increase *our* guilt. May *we* remember, O God, that as days and years pass over *us*, *we* approach nearer to the grave; and grant that *we* may always live in such a state, that *we* may never be afraid to die, so that *we* may walk in safety and sleep in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

MY soul truly waiteth still upon God; for of him cometh my salvation.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

The Lord ordereth a good man's going, and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

Though he fall, he shall not be cast away; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

Show thy marvellous loving kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee, from such as resist thy right hand.

Keep me as the apple of an eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

From the ungodly, that trouble me; mine enemies compass me round about, to take away my soul.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Lord hath granted his loving kindness in the day-time, and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning; my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, who of thine infinite goodness hast given

us life, protected *us* in dangers, and crowned *us* with mercy and loving kindness; *we* praise and magnify thy holy name for these unspeakable mercies. But, above all, *we* give thee most humble and hearty thanks for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, who did humble himself even to the death upon the cross for us, miserable sinners, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And *we* beseech thee to give *us* such a sense of thine inestimable love, as may appear in *our lives*, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all *our* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT to *us*, Lord, *we* beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that *we*, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs

of eternal life; grant *us*, *we* beseech thee, that having this hope, *we* may purify *ourselves* even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, *we* may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into *our hearts* that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; leave *us* not, *we* beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory, but daily increase in *us* the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill *us*, O Lord, with

the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever, that *we*, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made *partakers* of thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: let thy loving kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.

Thou art my helper and redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me; for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive *our* humble petitions, and though *we* be tied and bound with the chain of *our* sins, yet through thy bountiful goodness loose and deliver *us*. Turn thou *us*, O good Lord, and so shall *we*

be turned. Grant *us* true repentance; forgive *us* all *our* sins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue *us* with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend *our lives* according to thy holy word, that truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all *our* days, *we* may come at last to thy eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who didst appoint the sacred rest of the Sabbath as a sign between thee and us, of thy mercy in the creation of the world, and afterwards didst translate it to the first day of the week, as a memorial of the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; prepare *our hearts* so to use these days of rest and of public worship, that *our* prayers and praises may be acceptable in thy sight. Give *us* grace to serve thee with reverence and godly fear; affect *us* with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of *our* unworthiness, that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure *hearts*, with *bodies* undefiled, and *minds* sanctified, *we* may at length be found worthy of

a part in thy eternal rest, and in the continual hymns of angels and blessed spirits, in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful Father, *we* beseech thee to send upon the ministering servants of the sanctuary thy heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that *we* may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy word, or agreeably to the same, as the means of *our* salvation; that in all *our* words and deeds *we* may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ This to be used before the Communion.

[GRANT, O Lord, that in coming to the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, *we* may receive that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly bene-

diction, may, to *our* great and endless comfort, obtain remission of *our* sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *We* do most heartily thank thee that thou dost vouchsafe in this holy sacrament to assure *us* of thy favour and goodness towards *us*, by making *us* very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, and *heirs*, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And *we* most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist *us* with thy grace, that *we* may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for *us* to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*]

MERCIFUL Lord, *we* beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostles and Evangelists, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life. Look with pity upon the sufferings of the needy, and the sorrows of the afflicted, consoling them with a sense of thy goodness, and enduing

them with resignation to thy blessed will. Comfort and succour all those who are in reproach and misery in the house of bondage; and forasmuch as thou alone bringest light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the pains and punishments which these thy servants endure, through their bodily confinement, may tend to setting free their souls from the chains of sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, by whose will *we were* created, and by whose providence *we are* sustained; by whose mercy *we* have been called to the knowledge of *our* Redeemer, and by whose grace whatever good *we* have thought or done has been inspired and directed; grant that *we* may review *our* past *lives* with a spirit of thankfulness and submission, that in affliction *we* may remember how often *we* have been succoured, and in prosperity may know and confess from whose hand the blessing is received. Enable *us* to improve the time which thou shalt yet allow *us*, that *we* may daily become purer in thy sight, and, as *we* draw nearer and nearer to the grave,

strengthen *our* faith, enliven *our* hope, increase *our* charity, and perfect *our* repentance, and so help *us* by thy Holy Spirit, that when it shall be thy pleasure to call *us* hence, *we* may be received to everlasting happiness, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO thy gracious protection, O God, *we* commit *ourselves* both this night and ever. Put away from *us* all hurtful things, and stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend *us* in all *our* dangers and necessities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MORNING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom *we* live, and move, and have *our* being; *we*, thy needy *creatures*, render thee *our* humble praises, for thy preservation of *us* from the beginning of *our lives* to this day, and especially for having delivered *us* from the dangers of the past night. To thy watchful providence *we* owe it, that no disturbance hath come nigh *us* or *our* dwelling; but, that *we are* brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these thy mercies, *we* bless and magnify thy glorious name: humbly beseeching thee to accept this *our* morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for *us*, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AND since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to *our lives; we* here dedicate both *our souls* and *our bodies* to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen *us;* that, as *we* grow in age, *we*

may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

BUT, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of *our* nature, and the manifold temptations which *we* daily meet with; *we* humbly beseech thee to have compassion on *our* infirmities, and to give *us* the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that *we* may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to *our* duty. Imprint upon *our hearts* such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to *us*, as may make *us* both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in *our minds* a lively remembrance of that great day, in which *we* must give a strict account of *our* thoughts, words, and actions; and, according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN particular, *we* implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep *us* temperate in *our* meats and drinks, and dili-

gent in *our* several callings. Grant *us* patience under any afflictions thou shalt see fit to lay on *us*, and *minds* always contented with *our* present condition. Give *us* grace to be just and upright in all *our* dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to *our* abilities and opportunities. Direct *us* in all *our* ways (*and prosper the works of *our* hands in the business of *our* several stations.) Defend *us* from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take *us*, and all things belonging to *us*, under thy Fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to *us*, *we* humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

* *On Sunday morning instead of this, say*, and let thy Holy Spirit accompany *us* to the place of thy public worship, making *us* serious and attentive, and raising *our minds* from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, that *we* may fervently join in the prayers and praises of thy Church, and listen to *our* duty with honest *hearts*, in order to practise it.

EVENING PRAYER.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; *we* come before thee in an humble sense of *our* own unworthiness, acknowledging *our* manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon *us*, *we* beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive *us* all *our* transgressions. Make *us* deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in *us* an hearty contrition; that *we* may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

AND lest, through *our* own frailty, or the temptations which encompass *us*, *we* be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe *us*, *we* beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of *our souls;* that no

unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge *our hearts* from envy, hatred, and malice; that *we* may never suffer the sun to go down upon *our* wrath; but may always go to *our* rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee and towards men: that so *we* may be preserved pure and blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AND accept, O Lord, *our* intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over *us;* and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all *our* relations, friends, and neighbours. Reward all who have done *us* good, and pardon all those who have done or wish *us* evil, and give them repentance

and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

TO *our* prayers, O Lord, *we* join *our* unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies; for *our* being, *our* reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for *our* health, friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, *we* adore thy mercy, in sending thy only Son into the world to redeem *us* from sin and eternal death, and in giving *us* the knowledge and sense of *our* duty towards thee. *We* bless thee for thy patience with *us*, notwithstanding *our* many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over *us* through the whole course of *our lives;* and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day: Beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to *us;* and to give *us* grace to show *our* thank-

fulness in a sincere obedience to his laws, through whose merits and intercession *we* received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

IN particular, *we* beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to *us* this night. Defend *us* from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that *we* may enjoy such refreshing sleep, as may fit *us* for the duties of the following day. Make *us* ever mindful of the time when *we* shall lie down in the dust; and grant *us* grace always to live in such a state, that *we* may never be afraid to die: So that living and dying *we* may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose name *we* offer up these *our* imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

PENITENTIAL PRAYERS.

The following Prayers may be substituted for others in the foregoing collection, or added to them.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; *We* have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. *We* have followed too much the devices and desires of *our* own *hearts. We* have offended against thy holy laws. *We* have left undone those things which *we* ought to have done; And *we* have done those things which *we* ought not to have done: And there is no health in *us*. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon *us*, miserable *offenders*. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That *we* may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty

repentance and true faith, turn unto thee, have mercy upon *us;* pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins, confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; mercifully assist *our* prayers which *we* make before thee in all *our* troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress *us;* and graciously hear *us*, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against *us*, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that *we*, thy *servants*, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, grant *us*, *we* beseech thee, true repentance and thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which *we* do at this present, and that the rest of *our* life here-

after may be pure and holy, so that at the last *we* may come to thy eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

REMEMBER not, Lord, *our* offences, nor the offences of *our* forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of *our* sins: spare *us*, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with *us* for ever.

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;

Good Lord, deliver *us*.

O Christ, hear *us*.

Lord, have mercy upon *us*.

Christ, have mercy upon *us*.

Lord, have mercy upon *us*.

O Most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more, have mercy upon *us*, thy *servants*, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *us*,

most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *our* own carnal will and frailness. Wash *us*, *we* pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements *we* may have contracted in the midst of this miserable world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being cleansed and done away, *we* may be presented pure and without spot before thee, through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, *we* beseech thee, mercifully hear *our* prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that *we*, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; and grant, that *we* may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR GRACE.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, *we* beseech thee, that *we* may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that *we* fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, give *us* grace that *we* may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon *us* the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, *we* may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep *us*, *we* beseech thee, from all things that may hurt *us;* that *we*, being ready both in body and soul, may

cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; grant *us* grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that *we* may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give *us* grace to use such abstinence, that *our* flesh being subdued to the Spirit, *we* may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto *us*, thy *servants*, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknow-

ledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; *we* beseech thee that thou wouldest keep *us* steadfast in this faith; and grant *us* so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in every mystery of thy Gospel, that *our* faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Save *us* from all error, pride, and prejudice, and give *us* godly simplicity, and true wisdom, that *we* may embrace whatever is clearly revealed in thy holy word, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that *we* may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy word, *we* may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon *our* infirmities;

and, for the glory of thy name, turn from *us* all those evils that *we* most justly have deserved; and grant that, in all *our* troubles, *we* may put *our* whole trust and confidence in thy mercy; and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST *us* mercifully, O Lord, in these *our* supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of thy *servants* towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest *our* necessities before *we* ask, and *our* ignorance in asking; *we* beseech thee to have compassion upon *our* infirmities; and those things which for *our* unworthiness *we* dare not, and for *our* blindness *we* cannot ask, vouchsafe to give *us*, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

For Persons in Want.

O God, Heavenly Father, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send *us*, *we* beseech thee, in this *our* necessity, such relief as thou shalt see expedient for *us*, that *we* may receive the bounties of thy providence to *our* comfort, and to thy honour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Upon the Death of an Acquaintance or Friend.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make *us*, *we* beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead *us* through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness all the days of *our* lives: that when *we* shall have served thee in our generation, *we* may

be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee *our* God, and in perfect charity with the world: All which *we* ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Upon the Death of a Friend eminent for Piety.

BLESSED Lord, in whose sight the death of thy saints is precious, *we* magnify thy name for thine abundant goodness bestowed upon *our* departed friend, by which he was enabled so cheerfully to follow the steps of his blessed Master in his meekness and patience, his gentleness and submission, his courage and constancy, and great charity. *We* give thee hearty thanks for the good example of this thy servant, who, having finished his course in faith, doth now rest from his labours. And *we* beseech thee, that *we*, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and

everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be used by married Persons, for Domestic Love and Union, and the proper Nurture of Children.

O God, who hast consecrated the estate of matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and his Church; grant that we may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws. Make us kind in our dispositions towards each other, charitable and indulgent in our thoughts, gentle and forbearing in our conversation, faithful and unspotted in our conduct. And as this holy estate was ordained for our mutual society, help and comfort, both in prosperity and adversity, keep us in tender communion and fellowship, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. We beseech thee also to assist us with thy blessing, that we may bring up our

children in thy nurture and fear. Let not our wholesome instructions lose their effect from our own negligence and sinfulness, from the violence of our passions, and the harshness of our rebukes, but enable us to set before them an example of all virtuous and godly living, to the praise and honour of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Person.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; look down from Heaven, *we* humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick *servant*, for whom *our* prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; give *him* patience under *his* affliction; and, in thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his life* in thy fear, and to thy glory: Or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Child.

ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from Heaven, *we* humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon the sick *child* for whom *our* prayers are desired. Deliver *him*, O Lord, in thy good appointed time, from *his* bodily pain, and visit *him* with thy salvation; that if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation: Or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For a Person under Affliction.

O Merciful God, and Heavenly Father, who hast taught us, in thy holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the

children of men; look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit *him* with trouble, and to bring distress upon *him*. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to *him;* endue *his* soul with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVINGS.

A Thanksgiving for the Beginning of a Recovery from Sickness.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; *we* bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned *our* heaviness into joy, and *our* mourning into gladness, by restoring this *our brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be thy name, that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, *we* beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: That being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards *him*, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: To whom with thee and

the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

For a Recovery from Sickness.

O God, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety; *we* bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness *this* thy *servant*, who now *desireth* to return thanks unto thee. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his heart* be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

TO BE USED ON THE FESTIVALS AND FASTS OF THE CHURCH.

Saint Andrew's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; grant unto *us all*, that *we*, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up *ourselves* obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Thomas the Apostle.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who, for the greater confirmation of the faith, didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; grant *us* so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that *our* faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear *us*, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ; to

whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birth-Day of Christ, commonly called Christmas-Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that *we*, being regenerate and made thy *children* by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Stephen's Day.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all *our* sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, *we* may steadfastly look up to Heaven, and, by faith, behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless *our* perse-

cutors, by the example of thy first martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God, to succour all those who suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Saint John the Evangelist's Day.

¶ This Collect is used in the Prayers for Saturday Evening.

MERCIFUL Lord, *we* beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Innocents' Day.

O Almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; mortify and kill all vices in *us*, and so strengthen *us* by thy grace, that by the

innocency of *our lives*, and constancy of *our* faith, even unto death, *we* may glorify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Circumcision of Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant *us* the true circumcision of the Spirit, that *our hearts* and all *our* members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, *we* may in all things obey thy blessed will, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

O God, who by the leading of a Star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that *we*, who know thee now by faith, may, after this life, have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Conversion of Saint Paul.

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; grant, *we* beseech thee, that *we* having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth *our* thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, *we* humbly beseech thy Majesty, that as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so *we* may be presented unto thee with pure and clean *hearts*, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Matthias's Day.

O Almighty God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias, to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into *our hearts;* that as *we* have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel; so by his cross and passion *we* may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The first Day of Lent, commonly called Ash-Wednesday.

¶ This Collect is used in the Prayers for Thursday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and

dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in *us* new and contrite *hearts*, that *we*, worthily lamenting *our* sins, and acknowledging *our* wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, *we* beseech thee, mercifully hear *our* prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ This Collect is used in the Prayers for Wednesday Evening.

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive *us our* trespasses; receive and comfort *us*, who *are* grieved and wearied with the burden of *our* sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it apper-

taineth to forgive sins: spare *us*, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed: enter not into judgment with thy *servants*, who *are* vile earth, and miserable *sinners;* but so turn thine anger from *us*, who meekly acknowledge *our* vileness, and truly repent *us* of *our* faults; and so make haste to help *us* in this world, that *we* may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TURN thou *us*, O good Lord, and so shall *we* be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them; and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear *us*, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon *us*, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday next before Easter.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that *we* may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Good-Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, *we* beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive *our* supplications and prayers, which *we* offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Easter-Even.

GRANT, O Lord, that as *we are* baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying *our* corrupt affections, *we* may be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death *we* may pass to *our* joyful resurrection, for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Easter-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; *we* humbly beseech thee, that as, by thy special grace preventing *us*, thou dost put into *our minds* good desires; so by thy continual help *we* may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Mark's Day.

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; give *us* grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, *we* may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Philip and Saint James's Day.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant *us* perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, *we* may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Ascension Day.

¶ This Collect is used in the Prayers for Monday Morning.

GRANT, *we* beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as *we* do believe thy only be-

gotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so *we* may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Whitsunday.

O God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant *us*, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Trinity-Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto *us*, thy *servants*, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship

the Unity; *we* beseech thee that thou wouldest keep *us* steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend *us* from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Barnabas the Apostle.

¶ This Collect is used in the Prayers for Saturday Morning.

O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; leave *us* not, *we* beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint John Baptist's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching repentance; make *us* so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that *we* may truly repent according to his preach-

ing; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Peter's Day.

O Almighty God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; make, *we* beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint James the Apostle.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so *we*, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; grant, *we* beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed; and both to preach and receive the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Matthew the Apostle.

O Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom, to be an Apostle and Evangelist; grant *us* grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches; and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Michael and all Angels.

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and

men in a wonderful order; mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven; so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

St. Luke the Evangelist.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist and Physician of the soul; may it please thee, that by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles.

¶ This Collect is used in the Prayers for Monday Evening.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,

that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All Saints' Day.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; grant *us* grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that *we* may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SELECTIONS

From the Psalms, which may be substituted for others in the Morning and Evening Devotions, or which may be added to them.

Selections of Psalms to be used in Time of Trouble.

HEAR my crying, O God, give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

The Lord will be a defence for the oppressed, even a refuge in due time of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit me with thy salvation:

That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

BLESSED is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him in thy law.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong; but now have I kept thy word.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble; that I may learn thy statutes.

In my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed; thou, Lord, of thy goodness, hadst made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn thy face from me, and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord; and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

If the Lord had not helped me, it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.

But when I said, My foot hath slipped; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

GOD is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in thee.

O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

From the 71st Psalm.

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort; thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man:

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be always of thee.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me:

Go not far from me, O God; my God, haste thee to help me.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am grey-headed, until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!

O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me! and yet didst thou turn and

refresh me; yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

Thou hast brought me to great honour, and comforted me on every side:

Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

From the 39th Psalm.

LORD, let me know my end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity:

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences, and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth; for it was thy doing.

Take thy plague away from me: I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears:

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

From the 90th Psalm.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but

as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as asleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

From the 116*th Psalm.*

I Am well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord:

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

PSALMS

Containing Professions of Love to God, and Petitions for his Succour and Grace.

From the 42d Psalm.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; for I went with the mul-

titude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation, and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

O that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy statutes!

Incline mine heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Order my steps in thy word; and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live; and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Psalm 15.

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart:

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, and hath not slandered his neighbour:

He that setteth not by himself; but is lowly in his own eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord:

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance:

He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.

PSALMS

Concerning the Church.

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; upon the north side lieth

the city of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself: he hath longed for her.

I will bless her victuals with increase, and will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will deck her priests with health, and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation; my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; for thou hast magnified thy name and thy word above all things.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

Psalm 84.

O How amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house; and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

Who, going through the vale of misery, use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon;

For my wickednesses are gone over my head, and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery, that I go mourning all the day long.

God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

My heart is disquieted within me, and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

And I said, O that I had wings like a dove; for then would I flee away, and be at rest.

Lo, then would I get me away far off, and remain in the wilderness.

I would make haste to escape, because of the stormy wind and tempest.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kind-

ness toward me; yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

HEAR my crying, O God, give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate, and in misery.

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles.

Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sin.

Consider mine enemies how many they are; and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me; for my hope hath been in thee.

Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

I will be glad, and rejoice in thy mercy;

for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

I Will cry unto God with my voice; even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran, and ceased not in the night-season; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song, and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever; and will he be no more entreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever; and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious; and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind the wonders of old time.

I will think also of all thy works, and my talking shall be of thy doings.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

From the 32d Psalm.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For whilst I held my tongue, my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night, and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm 130.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning-watch, I say, before the morning-watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

PSALMS OF PRAISE.

From the 8th Psalm.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world; thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers; the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world!

Psalm 19.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy work.

One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

From the 104*th Psalm.*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding

glorious, thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment, and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment; the waters stand in the hills.

At thy rebuke they flee; at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

They go up as high as the hills, and down to the vallies beneath; even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass, neither turn again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the rivers, which run among the hills.

All the beasts of the field drink thereof, and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation, and sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from above; the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

He bringeth forth grass for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men.

That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man; and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

He appointeth the moon for certain seasons, and the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, that it may be night; wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

The lions, roaring after their prey, do seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, and they get them away together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour, until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works; in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also; wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan, whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them, they gather it; and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath, they die and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made; and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

Psalm 146.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the Lord; yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth, and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; who keepeth his promise for ever;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison; the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the stranger; he defendeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, and throughout all generations.

From the 147*th Psalm.*

O Praise the Lord; for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek, and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men:

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Sion;

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation; neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof; yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him, and burn up his enemies on every side.

The earth trembled and quaked, the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

There went a smoke out in his presence, and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down, and it was dark under his feet.

He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place, his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed; hail-stones and coals of fire.

The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder; hail-stones and coals of fire.

He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered at thy chiding, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

I Will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, and his righteousness endureth for ever.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The day is thine, and the night is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

O Praise the Lord of heaven; praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever; he hath given them a law, which shall not be broken.

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord; for his name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

SELECTIONS

From the other prophetic and poetical parts of Scripture, which may also be substituted for the Psalms in the Morning and Evening Devotions, or which may be added to them.

To be used in Time of Trouble.

MY son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous:

Yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

Then he showeth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

I Am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgat prosperity.

And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord:

Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

The Lord will not cast off for ever:

But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

On the Death of pious Friends.

SHALL we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the

saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

I Heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders; and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

In Remembrance of our Mortality in general.

MAN that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

His days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

BOAST not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

SEEK ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

And they that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

In Time of Sickness.

IS there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro until the dawning of the day.

When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

On Recovery from Sickness.

I Said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord, even the Lord, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

But thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thy holy temple.

They that observe lying vanities, forsake their own mercy.

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

On the Observance of God's Commandments, and his Dealings with the Righteous and the Wicked.

THE wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

If iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear:

Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away;

And thine age shall be clearer than the noon-day: thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

Thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

WHEREWITH shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but

to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it.

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day:

And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Penitential.

THUS saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

O my God, I am ashamed, and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is gone up unto the heavens.

Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day.

Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned:

For he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up:

And he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

For in many things we offend all.

The good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.

For I delight in the law of God, after the inward man:

But I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me nto captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

I Have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou Preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?

Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

Thou lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:

That which I see not, teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy

upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wrath: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

BEHOLD, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face.

We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

What is man that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolation; for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God.

Wash you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

Praise and Thanksgiving.

PRAISE the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth.

He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger;

Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble;

Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars;

Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea;

Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;

Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee.

THE Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

He giveth to all life, and breath, and all

things; and upon whom doth not his light arise?

With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

They meet with darkness in the day-time, and grope in the noon-day as in the night.

The Lord killeth, and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth.

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: he is the living God, and steadfast for ever; the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

CANST thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him:

But he knoweth the way that I take:

Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at his reproof.

He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

By his Spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Lo, these are parts of his ways; but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

WHO hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or, being his counsellor, hath taught him?

With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path o judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.

All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names, by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

For the Season of Advent.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a high way for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thy hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house.

I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day: neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Thy son shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

And forgettest the Lord thy Maker, that

hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old: but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they

call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

FEAR God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

The Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked:

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

AND I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and

another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond-man, and every free-man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

And those which have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple.

And he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

For Christmas Day.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he that is mighty hath done great things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him, from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed, for ever.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David:

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us.

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

For Good-Friday.

BEHOLD, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with

the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

For Easter-Sunday.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

For the Lord Jesus Christ shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant

mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

For Whitsunday.

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel,

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all

flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

And on my servants, and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

LET not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Your sorrow shall be turned into joy, and your joy no man taketh from you.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever,

Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you.

THE END.

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